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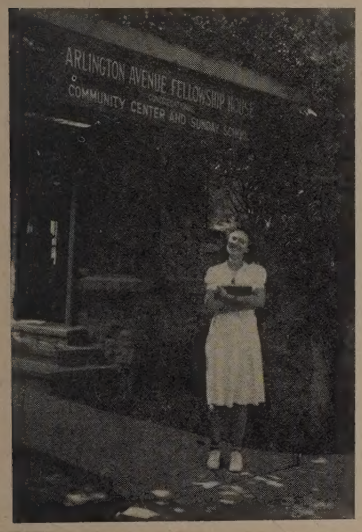
## Berkeley Arlington Busy But Crowded

The Arlington Avenue Fellowship House, in North Berkeley, is finding itself at the center of one of the most rapidly growing communities in Northern California. Several hundred new homes each

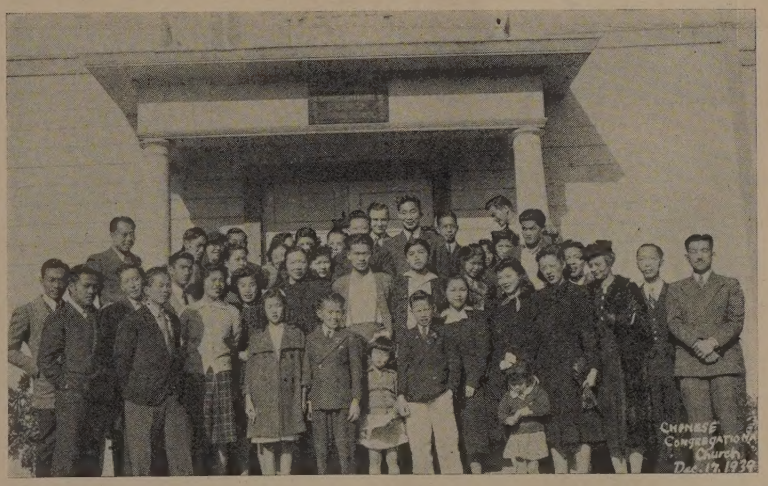



Margaret Waddell Dimock welcomes boys and girls at Arlington Avenue Fellowship House.

year are being established on what is locally known as the "Hilltop." The needs which the Fellowship House must fill are increasing. A vigorous church school that fills all the available space must find more room in which to grow. A Women's Club of 150 members can no longer expand its membership. A new organization for young married people may soon be formed. The Boy Scout troop which finds in the Fellowship House the only adequate meeting place also has been forced to restrict its membership. Other activities centering in the House are growing apace. The campaign to finance the budget for the current fiscal period found a much larger participation than in past years. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Dimock are in charge.

The Japanese Church parsonage in Fresno. This comfortable eight-room brick house was purchased by the Northern California Congregational Conference a number of years ago and is used by the pastor of the Japanese Church. Some day the church hopes to take it off the hands of the Conference. In the meantime it is helping in this most important enterprise. Rev. Tatsuo Sakaguchi is pastor.

G. Arthur Casaday's class at Zephyr Point Young People's Conference is shown above. In beautiful surroundings at Lake Tahoe, Lokoya, Loma Mar, and Sequoia Lake, Congregational young people to the number of 500 gathered with our finest leaders during this past summer. They received solid instruction, wholesome recreation, training in church methods, and spiritual uplift in their own lives. A young adult conference was added to those held by the Pilgrim Fellowship, and, in addition, Northern California had the privilege of entertaining the National Pilgrim Fellowship Council with young people from all over the United States.




Here is the latest picture of a Sunday morning congregation at the Berkeley Chinese Church, which is making such splendid progress under the leadership of Dr. B. C. Wong. Property has been improved, a larger share of financial support undertaken by the members, and hundreds of dollars contributed to China Relief by this small but enthusiastic group.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKE THE ROAD

Voted: that our churches be asked to take seriously increasing regular apportionment benevolence by not less than 12¾ per cent and, if possible, 15 per cent.

Voted: that the churches be urged to respond cordially when the suggestion is made by the Conference office that a committee of this Board be permitted to meet with the local trustees or such other body as has the making up of the budget and the planning of the Every Member Canvass.

These votes were taken at the last meeting of the State Conference after earnest consideration of the needs and of differing points of view. It was done after the Board of Directors had reported that there was no way of maintaining our work except by stepping up our giving. The percentage of increase suggested represents what is actually required.

Members of the Board of Directors will visit a number of our churches and careful letters will be sent to others to the end that in the forthcoming canvasses our people shall be asked for this modest but definite increase.

This issue of The Pacific, telling as it does of the splendid work being done by the Conference through various projects, and the Guest Book edition of *The Missionary Herald,* now ready for distribution, should be studied by all canvassers, pastors, and lay people.

## Worshiping in the Mountains

Lovers of Yosemite will recognize this winter view of the church in the old village. By direct contributions of money the Northern California Congregational Conference helps to maintain religious services in Yosemite the year around and in Sequoia National Park during the summer.

## GAIN AT PARK PRESIDIO

Park Presidio United Church of San Francisco, in which the Richmond Congregational Church is federated, is taking tithing seriously. The income of the church has increased $50 a month. The indebtedness has been reduced. Repairs and painting costing $1,000 have been completed. New hymnals have been purchased, and the pulpit has been enhanced in appearance. Rev. George F. Wortley, the pastor, believes that if the church looks after God's work, He will look after other needs. The Methodist and Congregational denominations are making a small investment of missionary funds, which, together with the sacrifices of the people, is bearing fruit.

## Laymen's Retreat

The Laymen's Retreats, which were fully announced in the September issue of The Pacific, will go forward according to schedule. Dr. Arthur E. Holt finds it necessary to return to the middle west after the third retreat, so his place will be taken at Byron Hot Springs by President Alexander C. Roberts of San Francisco State College, and at Tulare by Professor Hubert Phillips of Fresno State College. Both of these men are outstanding educators and devoted churchmen. Pastors, key men, those who attended last year's Retreats, and members of the Laymen's Commission are cooperating in securing the most influential laymen of our churches to attend. Publicity material was prepared by Mr. Charles L. Huyck. Field Secretary Sherman and Superintendent Gill have been making personal visits to churches. Questions to be discussed are pertinent and stimulating. The surroundings at each of the Retreats will be attractive and conducive to good fellowship.

Each Retreat will begin on a Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will continue until 1 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

October 12-13—Lokoya.
October 26-27—Marysville.
November 2-3—Saratoga.
November 9-10—Byron Hot Springs.
November 16-17—Tulare.

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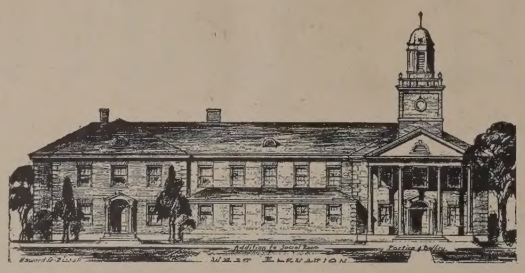
## Almost! Not Quite!

Almost, but not quite! September was a slim month in receipts as a quick glance at the first column below will indicate. Had it been just an average month, we would be considerably ahead of last year on September 30. Will not pastors and treasurers look at the record of their own churches, not only during September, but for the nine months up to September 30, and then see that real effort is made in the remaining three months of the year to go away beyond 1939, and to turn what has been just "holding the line" into a real advance?

| Church | Sept., 1940 | Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1940 | Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, 1939 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Adin | ..... | $13.75 | $30.10 |
| Alameda | ..... | 241.56 | 213.15 |
| Alturas | ..... | 10.58 | 28.30 |
| Angels Camp | $31.25 | 100.00 | 95.75 |
| Antioch | ..... | 22.50 | 15.00 |
| Auburn | ..... | ..... | 60.00 |
| Benicia | ..... | 5.00 | ..... |
| Berkeley, First | ..... | 3,380.27 | 3,739.87 |
| North | 158.93 | 468.34 | 334.65 |
| Park | ..... | 29.60 | 48.69 |
| Campbell | ..... | 100.00 | 112.00 |
| Cedarville | ..... | 100.00 | ..... |
| Cloverdale | 5.01 | 45.53 | 65.69 |
| Cotati | ..... | 42.50 | 21.50 |
| Crockett | 35.42 | 55.44 | 57.48 |
| Eureka | 47.55 | 329.04 | 241.52 |
| Fairfax | ..... | ..... | 12.50 |
| Ferndale | ..... | 146.26 | 144.81 |
| Fresno, First | 117.30 | 654.31 | 279.89 |
| Pilgrim | ..... | 125.10 | 107.50 |
| Glen Ellen | ..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| Guerneville | ..... | 6.50 | 9.00 |
| Hayfork | ..... | 10.00 | 3.00 |
| Hayward | 150.00 | 200.00 | 50.00 |
| Kenwood | ..... | 5.30 | ..... |
| Lewiston | ..... | .18 | ..... |
| Lodi | ..... | 743.00 | 655.50 |
| Loomis | ..... | 28.25 | 12.98 |
| Martinez | 20.38 | 155.66 | 201.92 |
| Murphys | ..... | 77.50 | 60.00 |
| Niles | ..... | 8.00 | ..... |
| Oakland, First | 416.66 | 3,353.28 | 3,116.82 |
| Fruitvale | ..... | 34.00 | 21.00 |
| Pilgrim | 9.00 | 29.58 | 26.00 |
| Plymouth | 57.97 | 540.08 | 576.32 |
| Oroville | ..... | 43.54 | 24.60 |
| Pacific Grove | 27.70 | 156.45 | 191.22 |
| Palo Alto | ..... | 511.00 | 946.63 |
| Paradise | 25.00 | 175.00 | 105.90 |
| Penngrove | 2.50 | 12.14 | 4.48 |
| Petaluma | ..... | 298.75 | 412.16 |
| Pittsburg | 7.35 | 96.80 | 128.25 |
| Port Chicago | ..... | ..... | 6.00 |
| Porterville | 75.00 | 230.00 | 130.00 |
| Redwood City | ..... | 382.98 | 462.93 |
| Rio Vista | 75.00 | 112.50 | 60.00 |
| Ripon | 4.00 | 112.76 | 152.50 |
| Sacramento | 41.45 | 490.33 | 396.81 |
| Salida | ..... | 2.00 | ..... |
| San Carlos | 6.68 | 72.79 | 62.13 |
| San Francisco | | | |
| Bethany Msn. Park | ..... | 189.04 | 158.71 |
| Calvary | ..... | ..... | 20.00 |
| First | 116.54 | 1,055.57 | 1,147.28 |
| Ocean View | ..... | 25.00 | 18.89 |
| Richmond | ..... | 50.00 | ..... |
| San Jose | 50.00 | 488.50 | 520.00 |
| San Leandro | ..... | 58.91 | 50.05 |
| San Lorenzo | ..... | ..... | 10.00 |
| San Mateo | 108.42 | 408.02 | 498.60 |
| San Rafael | ..... | 27.73 | 15.00 |
| Santa Cruz | ..... | 505.00 | 521.10 |
| Santa Rosa | 10.52 | 136.81 | 122.83 |
| Saratoga | ..... | 183.96 | 234.56 |
| Sebastopol | ..... | 105.43 | 138.97 |
| Sonoma | ..... | 59.60 | 69.35 |
| Soquel | ..... | 69.65 | 50.00 |
| Stockton | 33.60 | 434.47 | 430.39 |
| Suisun | ..... | 41.33 | 35.40 |
| Sunnyvale | ..... | 3.56 | 6.54 |
| Sunol | ..... | ..... | 20.00 |
| Tulare | ..... | 169.00 | 304.00 |
| Weaverville | 3.50 | 69.10 | 99.29 |
| Woodside | ..... | 20.00 | ..... |
| Reno, Nevada | ..... | 280.32 | 278.39 |
| Miscellaneous and Individual | 6.27 | 1,293.30 | 1,719.76 |
| | $1,643.00 | $19,432.45 | $19,903.66 |



## STOCKTON'S NEW CHURCH HOME

The Stockton church building is a scene of great activity. The framework of the new tower is up and brick facing is going on. A new Moller pipe organ has been ordered. Services are held in the parlor, with an overflow in the kindergarten room. There is no room for a choir, and 110 people can be seated within sight of the minister; others can hear but not see. The Church of Youth is off to a fine start, with a service of worship led by the pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, and this is followed by an hour of College of Life classes, which will run for a six weeks' term.

The sanctuary will be finished in ivory and mahogany, with the best pews which are made by the American Seating Company. The pulpit and the font will be memorials and the organ will be in honor of Pastor Emeritus Reuben Henry Sink. The windows will have Venetian blinds, and there will be heavy velvet drapes in rich mahogany color. The organ console will be sunk behind the altar so that the organist will not be seen by the congregation. The social room will seat about 175 at tables and will have a stage.

The dedication and diamond jubilee, which will last a week, are tentatively set for November.

This will be the most ambitious project in the Conference during 1940.

While the Northern California Congregational Conference has not been able for some years to maintain a missionary in Modoc County, our interest in work for the Indians of that great empire continues. Every month the income on a special fund contributed by the Northern California Indian Association is sent to Mrs. Army Jarman of Alturas, chairman of the local committee for relief work, and this is expended for needed items not otherwise provided for. Mrs. Jarman also distributes Christmas toys and clothing sent by our churches.

This remarkable picture shows the very large attendance at the Commencement and Open House of the Hip Wo School, held last June. It is in the new playground immediately behind the splendid building which has been acquired and equipped. The School opens this autumn with an enrollment of 670. A limit of 680 has been established by Faculty and Board. One new teacher has been added to the staff. The increase is in spite of slightly increased tuition rates.

## A FAST GROWING CHURCH IN A FAST GROWING TOWN

In San Carlos 242 building permits for new homes have been taken out thus far this year. Church membership is keeping pace. During the last year it gained 100 per cent. The Sunday School could be much larger if there was room to house it. The Men's Club has a membership of more than 50, and two women's organizations have 220 on their lists. The old building has been moved to the back of the lot, and about $3,000 has thus far been raised toward the new structure and a canvass is actively going forward.

Indications are that within five years we will have a strong, self-supporting church in San Carlos, with a splendid program, amply justifying the aid which for years has been granted by the Conference.

## ON TO MODOC

A trip is planned to Modoc County by a team of speakers and leaders consisting of Mrs. Raymond A. Fuller, president of the Women's Federation; Mrs. E. B. Kientz, member of the Committee on Religious Education; Rev. Burton M. Palmer of Woodside, and the superintendent. Visits will be made to Adin, Cedarville, Likely, and Alturas on October 11, 12, and 13, and services will be held there.

### FRANK B. HEATH

Frank B. Heath was born in Oakfield, Iowa, in 1862. He passed away at Soquel, California, September 3, 1940. From his first marriage there were born five children, four of whom survive him. After eighteen years of marriage the first Mrs. Heath died, and some time later he married his pastor, Rev. Jessie Getty, at Exira, Iowa. Next April would have been their silver wedding, and also the twenty-fifth anniversary of Mrs. Heath's ordination.

Mr. Heath kept the home fires burning, and in the church he was always deacon or janitor, or both, as he was needed. He had been in failing health for months but was in great pain less than a week. Mr. Heath had won many friends in Soquel, Salida, Ferndale, and Tipton, and in localities in Iowa where Mrs. Heath had previously served.

**OAKLAND, BETHANY.** Midweek service has been started, combining Bible and prayer meeting. The Young People's Society has been reorganized and a catechumen's class opened on Sunday mornings, with the pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, as teacher.

**LODI.** Twenty-five teams of workers visited the members in furthering the Church Loyalty Crusade. There was a splendid attendance and a good program at the Sunday School Rally Day service. Rev. A. R. Boone is pastor.

**BENICIA.** Mr. A. R. Flick has accepted a call to a community church in Missouri, and is already at work. The church will probably be cared for by a student of Pacific School of Religion.

**SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY.** The annual church picnic was held on Labor Day, with the Oakland Bethany people also attending, and some friends from the Gregorian Church. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is pastor.

**ALAMEDA.** Rev. Gail Cleland is giving a series of six studies on 'The Greatest Book of the Old Testament," which in his opinion is Isaiah.

**ALTURAS.** Rev. E. L. Spuller has begun his work in the Federated Church.

# MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

**HAYWARD.** September was a continuous Seventy-fifth Anniversary celebration at the Hayward church. On September 3 Rev. Jason Noble Pierce preached the anniversary sermon, and on Friday the same week the anniversary dinner was held, with addresses by former pastors, Rev. B. Dent Naylor and Rev. Richard C. Day. This was followed by a candle service, "The Light of the Ages," arranged by the pastor, Rev. Godfrey Matthews. The evening concluded with messages of greeting electrically recorded, from Rev. Noel J. Breed, a former pastor, Rev. William Forshaw of LaJolla, and the Very Rev. James M. Malloch, dean of St. James Cathedral, Fresno. Recordings were made by the pastor and three lay people to be used at the 100th anniversary in 1965. On the thirtieth anniversary of the ordination of Mr. Matthews a beautifully designed old walnut pulpit was presented to the church by Mr. O. B. Paulsen, who had previously fashioned and presented an altar. One Sunday was "women's day," another "laymen's day," and still another devoted to "childhood and youth."

**REDWOOD CITY.** The first fall church dinner, served by the deaconesses, drew nearly 140, with a stirring talk on the Battle of Britain. Over 100 ladies attended the Santa Clara Association Fall Rally, to which the Women's Guild were hostesses. Sunday School attendance increased 100 per cent during September. The Fellowship of Youth, now meeting in high school, college, and graduate groups, reports excellent response in all sections. The pastor, Dr. Charles E. Ward, preached his twenty-fifth ordination anniversary sermon on Sunday, September 29.

**BERKELEY, CHINESE.** The choir has doubled in size, which has necessitated a rearrangement of the platform and altar. New organizations for girls and boys have been formed and are furnishing evenings of entertainment, and thereby helping to finance the church. On the fiftieth birthday of the pastor, Dr. B. C. Wong, a surprise party was given him. Besides regular services of worship and of the Sunday School, this church furnishes housing for a number of Chinese students. For many years it has been a Home Missionary project.

**SEBASTOPOL.** A Loyalty Bond is issued to those who make a Loyalty Bond Pledge, the holder clipping and depositing the coupons at service each Sunday. The church and the pastor received greetings by radio from New York over the Columbia system on the occasion of the eleventh service honoring the Golden Wedding Club. Over 100 couples are members of this club. The service is held annually, with Rev. George E. Atkinson preaching the sermon.

**SARATOGA.** Through quiet effort, steady additions to the building fund come in. An autumn fete with 300 guests expected in the beautiful surroundings of the former Blaney place, will add materially to the fund. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, pastor, has published an attractive leaflet, "The Door Stands Open," calling attention to the program of the church and the need of people for it.

**PORTERVILLE.** The result of the annual sermon poll taken by Rev. John H. Gregg, in which the members vote on the sermon that has been the most helpful during the year past, indicates that people are still interested in prayer. Out of an attendance of 164 at a recent Sunday service, 50 were men, and 36 were young people.

**SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW.** Its fiftieth year was appropriately observed by an anniversary week beginning September 15. Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda preached the anniversary sermon and a prayer was read which had been written by Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt, who assisted in the organization of the church. The Rev. G. A. Charnock, former pastor, presided at this service, and on the following Sunday morning was guest preacher. During the week there were two special events: at a popular program on Tuesday evening students of the Pacific School of Religion furnished music, and an address was given by Mrs. Theodore Fieldbrave of India; at the Friday evening banquet, Mr. Charnock and the Rev. James Salmon, also a former pastor, gave their impressions of the church in days gone by. Birthday gifts from those present on Sunday night were matched by a gift from the City Temple, through the thoughtfulness of Rev. Jason Noble Pierce. Mr. Byron E. Eshelman, the pastor, was chairman of the general committee on arrangements.

**FAIRFAX.** Sixty-six are enrolled in the church school, and seven new teachers have been enlisted. Teachers' meetings have been held for organization and training, and two new classes have been added, one of which is an adult group led by the pastor, Mr. William Meyer. There is a church-time nursery school, and a young married couples' club has been started. New signs and a new bulletin board have been placed on the building, and shrubs have been planted. Mr. Meyer preaches once a quarter at San Quentin, but holds interviews with prisoners monthly.

**CALAVERAS COUNTY.** Three of the four new high school teachers are church folk, and will attend and help in the Angels Camp Church. A good many people have left Angels Camp and Murphys due to changes in governmental and dredging projects, but Rev. John G. Dickey reports that there are plenty of calls for his services.

Worship service in Primary Department of Angels Camp church.

**SAN FRANCISCO, CITY TEMPLE.** Divine service for the session of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star was held on Sunday evening, September 15. Pastors alternate in condusting a men's Bible forum on each Sunday at 9:50, and at the same hour a group of young married couples meets for Bible study.

**BERKELEY, NORTH.** The first of three dinners for men, to be held during the year, was attended by a large vitally interested group. The first fall issue of "The Beacon Light," a newspaper printed for the church by the young people, was devoted almost entirely to reports of the General Council. Rev. P. Pierson Parker is pastor.

**SOQUEL.** Rev. Jessie Getty Heath has resigned and will make her home at Escalon. A lovely reception was tendered her, with appropriate and useful gifts and many expressions of deep affection for her eight years of service. The work of the church is being looked after for the time being by Mr. Robert Gibbs.

**SANTA ROSA.** On the last Sunday of September the church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Superintendent Gill preached the sermon at the morning service, and in the afternoon following a potluck dinner, greetings were read from former pastors and members and from sister churches. Music was furnished by former soloists and choir members. As a step forward, extensive alterations are being made in order to furnish classrooms for the rapidly growing Sunday School. Beautiful windows which had been covered by a cove in the ceiling now make for a much better lighted sanctuary. The labor is being contributed by the members and money for material has been raised among folks entirely outside of the church membership. Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Withington not only have endeared themselves to the church but their influence is felt in the community.

**TRINITY COUNTY.** Rev. and Mrs. P. N. Bennett are now settled comfortably in the Weaverville parsonage. They both think that Trinity County is a beautiful section of the country. For the present they are concentrating on building back the Weaverville church and its activities after the long vacation. Sixteen young people are being organized into a society. Visits are being made to Lewiston and Hayfork, and Mr. Bennett hopes to organize a fellowship of service and train two or three groups to go out and conduct Sunday schools and simple services of worship in outlying points.

**RIO VISTA.** The pick up in attendance at Sunday worship services is five weeks ahead of last year. A news letter, mailed to the entire constituency each week, is bringing favorable results. The Sunday School observed Rally Day October 6. The Pilgrim Fellowship led church worship on September 22, with Laverne Lauritzen reporting on the Mills conference. The pastor, Rev. Victor Morgan, is assisting the coach of the high school football team.

**OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH.** This church plans to cooperate actively in the National Christian Mission and the campaign of personal evangelism. Town Meetings on five Sunday evenings will discuss important political issues, and the speakers will be official representatives of the Democratic, Republican, and Socialist parties. The subjects will be: "Totalitarianism," "Relief and Unemployment," "The Orient," "Civil Liberties," and "Intervention." Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

**SANTA CRUZ.** In line with other churches of the city, a Loyalty campaign has been launched for ten Sundays, the ministers of the churches following the same program of preaching. A canvass of the city is being made, asking members to pledge attendance. On Home Coming Day, Rev. Willard B. Thorp of Palo Alto was guest minister. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

**SACRAMENTO, PIONEER.** Miss Alice Douglas has been engaged as church assistant and director of religious education. She has had experience both in church work and in social service. On the ninety-first anniversary Sunday of the church, Rev. T. Torrance Phelps, the pastor, hased his sermon on that of Dr. Benton's first sermon in Sacramento.

**OAKLAND, FRUITVALE.** Six new members were received at the October communion. A new kind of Sunday evening service has been undertaken, with thirty minutes in charge of a group of lay people who provide the program, followed by thirty minutes of Scripture study led by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr.

**BERKELEY, FIRST.** Rev. and Mrs. Vere V. Loper were called back to Denver to participate in the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the union of the First and Plymouth churches. Dr. Loper was speaker on Constitution Day at the Berkeley Rotary Club, and the address was broadcast. Dr. Earl Cranston of Redlands University is giving four Sunday morning lectures to the College of Life on "Christian Potentialities in a World of Chaos." Seminars on six Wednesday evenings will bring courses on "Home Relationships," "The Bible," "Church Music," "International Relations," and "National Problems," with such authorities as Dr. Edith Bryan, Dr. James Muilenburg, Dr. Pierson Parker, Mrs. Mabel Hill Redfield, Dr. Arthur E. Holt, Dr. Harry M. Cassidy, Mr. Galen Fisher, Dr. H. I. Priestly, Dr. A. C. McGiffert, and Dr. Clarence Reidenbach.

**ANTIOCH.** At the first fall pot-luck supper, reports were made by delegates to the M. E. M. Conference, the Young Adult Conference, the Laymen's Meeting at the General Council, the General Council itself, and the State Conference. Ten new teachers in the public schools were present. Rev. W. R. Steininger, the pastor, was guest preacher at the First Baptist Church, Colored, in Pittsburg, a number of Antioch people accompanying him. Sunday School attendance is increasing steadily, and three new teachers have been added. The minister is leading a class of parents, using Mrs. Bro's book, "When Children Ask."

**RIPON.** Rev. Robert A. Bentley has resigned to accept a call to the First Congregational Church of Clinton, Iowa, and closes his work in Ripon almost immediately. Attendance, membership, and financial support have been increased under his leadership. He will be missed in the Northern California fellowship, for he has served on the Committee on Young People's Work and for two seasons as director of the Lakewood Conference. His going to Clinton is a distinct promotion, and he will have a splendid field of endeavor.

**MARTINEZ.** Rev. Verdette Walters, the pastor, is leading his people in an effort to deepen the sense and meaning of worship. Sermon subjects for each Sunday beginning October 6 for a full year, vacation excepted, have been published. The Program of Progress is being held before the membership with definite goals in new recruits and in attendance.

**SAN MATEO.** One hundred and seventy-five people attended a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Buckham at the beginning of their fifth year of service. By a special solicitation to match a bequest, it is expected that the bank loan on the church will be retired.

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# WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

## ECHOES OF SEPTEMBER MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Federation was held as usual in the First Oakland Church on September 19. It was the first since last May, except for the very brief business meeting at the time of the General Council. There were reports from several of the pre-session working groups of women at the Council, to which Mrs. E. E. McClintock referred so appreciatively, as quoted in last month's PACIFIC. We learned with pleasure that Mrs. McClintock is to be on the Coast, and will conduct Area Meetings of Instruction from February 26 to March 7.

### M. E. M. REPORTS

The Federation had had a goodly representation at the M. E. M. meeting at Asilomar, over and above the two official delegates, Mrs. Robert d'Erlach and Mrs. E. V. Zumwalt. Most of these gave reports of some phase of the conference. One of the most interesting of these was that by Mrs. Ewell Scott, of the Oakland First Church. Often women, when urged to go to this important missionary gathering, object that they have not the time. Mrs. Scott was there for just one day and gave us a vivid idea of how much of interest and information could be crowded into that short time. Remember, next year, if you can't stay five days, it will pay to go for one.

### NEWS FROM THE BLAKES

Mrs. Dennis Goodsell told us that the Blakes, who have been at Izmir (Smyrna) had been advised to leave, and had gone up into the highland region some five miles away. Mrs. Blake is Mrs. Goodsell's granddaughter, and has spoken to our Federation in years past about her work. Mrs. Goodsell asked for our prayers for them and for the W. L. Nutes of Tarsus.

### SANTA CLARA FALL RALLY

The Federation editor was glad to get a report from the Santa Clara Association meeting, held in Redwood City September 18. Over 100 ladies were present, representing all but two of the thirteen societies in the Association. Believing that the secret of wider interest among the women is to give everyone something to do, Mrs. Jeannette Ferris, president of the Association, had asked each society to present its report in the form of a dramatization. This resulted in an exceedingly lively and interesting part of the forenoon program. Another novel idea was that of a "handkerchief shower" for some of our missionaries, for Christmas. Each woman was asked to bring a handkerchief and these were all draped on one of the women, quite completely covering her. She walked about for inspection, after which the 400 handkerchiefs were removed and are to be sent to Mrs. Leonard Wilbur and Dr. Alma Cook of China; to Dr. Mary Branch of Tillotson College, and to Puerto Rico. Mrs. Raymond Fuller, our Federation president, spoke on the Federation and its work; Mrs. Dorothy Bennett spoke on Religious Education; and Mrs. Robert d'Erlach interested the women in "Adventures in Reading." The afternoon was devoted to a panel discussion on the migrant problem, led by Mrs. Hill of San Mateo. A noteworthy characteristic of this discussion was that all of the women participating had worked directly with the migrants and spoke from experience of their needs and the ways in which we could help to meet them.

This is an interesting and valuable report, and the Federation editor would be glad if other Associations would from time to time send items of their work.

Announcement was made of the fall meeting of the Federation to be held on October 17, at the Broadmoor Church, San Leandro. It will be the first such gathering to be held in some years, as the women's fall meeting has latterly been a part of the State Conference Annual Meeting, and that, this year, was held at the time of the General Council. Mrs. William H. Davis, Program Chairman, was not able to report in detail of her plans, but said that programs would be sent out in ample time. The Broadmoor ladies will service luncheon at 35 cents a plate. Whatever the Broadmoor ladies do, they do well, so let everyone plan to go and take someone along.

## OUR T. O. PROJECTS

Our latest Thank Offering project, begun last year, is to assist in the new building so sorely needed at Tillotson College. It was a great pleasure to meet Dr. Mary Branch, President of Tillotson, at the General Council, and we rejoiced for her in the honor of her election as Assistant Moderator of the Council for the next biennium.

Our other Thank Offering projects continue as before, but with changed heads. The Rev. Donald Gaylord, son of the Superintendent of the Southern Conference, takes Mr. Throckmorton's place at Grace United Church, and Rev. P. N. Bennett replaces Mr. Salmon in Trinity County. The work in China for which Dr. Leonard Wilbur gave his life still goes on, with Mrs. Wilbur bravely continuing on the field. Mrs. H. S. Gauthier, Thank Offering Secretary, has suggestions for programs for meetings. Her address is 2277 Cedar Street, Berkeley.

### PILGRIM FELOWSHIP

The Federation is anxious to keep in touch with the work which is being done so efficiently by the young people, organized now in the Pilgrim Fellowship, which, through its affiliation with the "United Christian Youth Movement," reaches out to seventy-two different countries. Ted Nichols, recently elected president for this area, spoke to us of the organization and its aims. One of the most interesting things which he told of the National Fellowship gathering at Mills College, this year, was of the "Friendship Circles"—groups of eight, no two from the same state, who met together from time to time for discussion. As they separated at the close of the conference, they arranged to keep in touch with each other through the year by means of Round Robin letters.

### SOCIAL WELFARE QUOTAS

Mrs. R. W. Kretsinger, Social Welfare Secretary, still reports that many of the women's groups have not completed their quotas. She made a plea for this in the May meeting, and some few of the groups have responded, but so far there are nearly one-half of them who have not done so. Now, more than ever, the need for our help is felt at home and abroad. Mrs. Kretsinger says that it may seem a small thing to us if we are late in sending our quotas, but it is far from a small thing to those who are so eagerly awaiting the help we have promised. Shall we not make these quotas the very first business for the fall?

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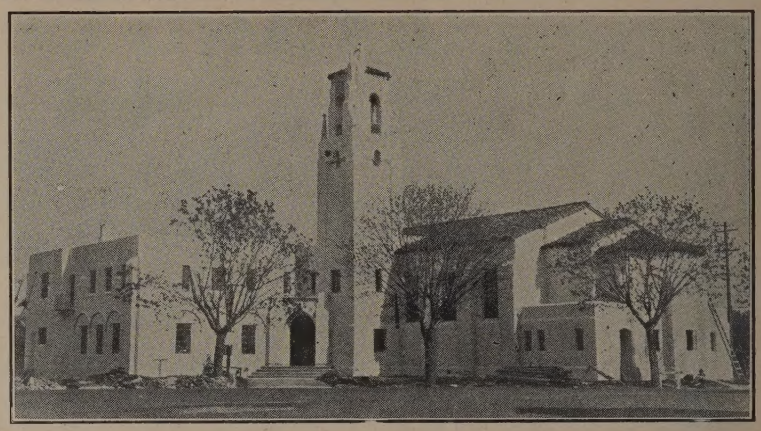

Broadmoor, San Leandro, a lovely building, a splendid project sponsored by the Northern California Congregational Conference. This building houses one of the largest Congregational Sunday Schools in the entire Conference. The building itself was made possible by the Congregational Church Building Society. Rev. J. H. McCartney is pastor.

### YOUNG PEOPLE PLEDGE

Young people attending the various summer conferences signed pledges of intention that they would urge the societies of which they are members to make definite contributions toward the young people's projects which were approved by the Committee on Young People's Work and the Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet. Plymouth House, student center at First Congregational Church, Berkeley, near the U. C. campus, is one such project, with G. Arthur Casaday as director. Young people who were at Zephyr Point and shared in the worship services led by "Art" Casaday will realize how important it is to bring Congregational students in the University under his influence.

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